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Trick-or-treat hours

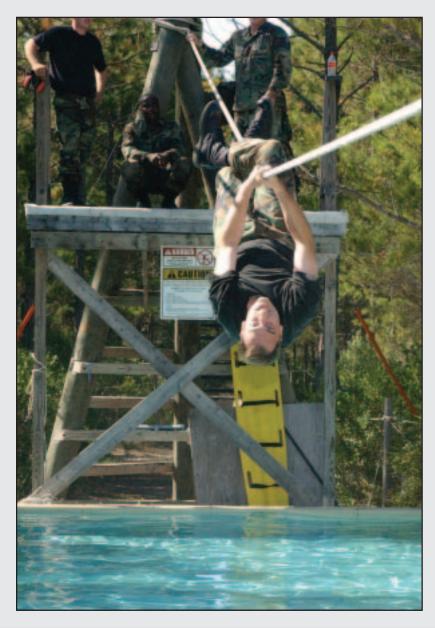
The Tyndall Air Force Base Halloween trick-or-treat hours are 6-8 p.m. tonight. All base motorists are urged to be alert for trick-or-treaters in and around base streets. 325th Security Forces Squadron personnel and base volunteers will be patrolling the military family housing areas and will offer assistance to children and adults as necessary.

'Taster's Choice'

The Tyndall Air Force Base Black Heritage Committee invites everyone to attend the Second-Annual Taster's Choice, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 13 in the Chapel 2 annex. This event offers a wide variety of food tasting -- all for a donation. For more details, call 1st Lt. Joseph Harris at 283-3375 or Master Sgt. Waldlena Schmidt at 283-6378.

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Photos by Airman Sarah McDowel

Challenging times

Left, 2nd Lt. Scot Haynes, 325th Mission Support Squadron chief of career enhancements, hangs upside down as he pulls himself along a rope above a water obstacle Oct. 24 at the MSS Commander's Challenge held at Tyndall's Silver Flag site. Above, Senior Airman Anica Lewis, 325th MSS, scampers over giant logs on an elevated obstacle. Besides the grueling fitness challenge, the personnelists took part in the event to enhance teamwork and esprit de corps within their unit. For more photos of this event, see Page 9.

Air Force Climate Survey hits halfway point

SCOTT HOPKINS

Air Force Manpower and Innovation Agency

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) — Since its launch Oct. 1, more than 25 percent of Air Force people have taken advantage of the opportunity to speak to their leaders through the 2003 Air Force Climate Survey.

The survey's importance

hinges on maximum participation, and the more people who participate, the better the results, officials said. The deadline is Nov. 23. More than 65 percent of active-duty airmen and appropriated-fund civilians participated in the 2002 survey. For the first time, this year's survey includes the Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard and

nonappropriated-fund civilians.

"Our goal is to make things better for our people and our organizations," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper. "This is a great opportunity for you to provide direct feedback about how well your leadership and organizations are functioning."

The survey gives leaders hon-

est, identity-protected feedback about the organization from the people who make that organization work. It measures factors that influence people's behavior and factors that are relatively enduring over time, officials said. Leaders at all levels can use this information to improve an organization's climate and to ul-

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Air Force survey window closing soon

BRIG. GEN. LARRY NEW 325th Fighter Wing commander



If you haven't already done so, I highly encourage you to participate in the 2003 Air Force Climate Survey.

The deadline to complete the survey is Nov. 23. The more people participating in the survey, the better the site picture senior leadership has to make positive change or to ensure practices that have proven effective continue.

Completing the survey is mandatory for all military members, and it is highly encouraged for all civilians, both appropriated and non-appropriated. This year the survey is open to temporaryduty students as well. I encourage all of you to be as honest and thoughtful as possible.

If you see an opportunity for improvement, make a recommendation. If something is done well, note it, so the program or behavior can continue. The climate survey is critical to Air Force leaders to understand the issues that face our very diverse workforce, and is a valuable source for ideas on how to meet the needs of airmen and civilian employees.

The 30-minute survey can be completed online at http://afclimatesurvey.af.mil. People can also click on the Air Force Climate Survey link at Air Force Link, www.af.mil.

One of the primary goals of the survey and one of my personal goals is to make things better for people and organizations that accomplish the mission.

A group of Tyndall people dedicated their day off to making our environment a little bit better for all of us as more than 400 Team Tyndall volunteers



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collected 1,100 pounds of trash, Saturday, improving our beaches. Thanks to all who participated, your service sets a positive example for us all.

Across the base, there are numerous examples of people taking to heart initiatives to help others. Whether it is donating hard-earned dollars to the Combined Federal Campaign, or making a commitment to overall force effectiveness, this wing is performing magnificently.

I have noticed several squadrons and units taking fitness and the health of our troops seriously, by developing unit fitness programs. The Air Force's new fitness program addresses the aerobic and muscular fitness of our airmen, but I want to stress how important total overall health is to being "fit to fight," which also includes timely immunizations.

Flu shots will be available to military personnel beginning Monday. The shots are mandatory and are crucial to maintaining our ability to stay mission-ready when flu season comes around.

A special flu vaccine clinic is available to retirees and their spouses Nov. 8. Call the immunization clinic at 283-7570 for more information.

Speaking of making life better for others, the base will say farewell to warriors who have done just that for Team Tyndall. Lt. Col. Deanna Paulk, the former 325th Mission Support Squadron commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Ronnie Georgia, the 325th Fighter Wing Career Assistance Advisor will bid farewell to a career of service in our Air Force today.

Dee and Ronnie, you have touched many lives during your distinguished careers and on behalf of the men and women of Tyndall Air Force Base, I'd like to thank you for making a difference and displaying superb leadership throughout your respective careers.

While we bid farewell to two of Team Tyndall's finest, we welcome a new addition to the 325th Security Forces Squadron.

Tuesday, our brothers and sisters in arms welcomed a new company commander. Alpha Company of the 146th Signal Battalion, which has been augmenting our security forces for nearly a year bid farewell to Capt. Geoffrey Buchanan and hailed 1st Lt. Vernon Pickney as their new commander.

Although it is now commonplace to see the Army around the base, it is important to realize the critical skills they bring to the fight, and the assistance they've rendered in securing our base.

Our security forces squadron, like all of our squadrons has been affected by deployments. The integration of an

Action Line

The Action Line is your direct line to me. It is one way to make Tyndall a better place to work and live.

Action Line calls are recorded and staffed through the proper agency. The goal is to provide you with an accurate, timely response. You must leave your name, phone number or address to receive a response.

Questions or comments of general interest will be published in this forum. This avenue should only be used after coordinating problems or concerns with supervisors, commanders, first sergeants or facility managers. If you're not satisfied with the response or you are unable to resolve the problem, call me at 283-2255.

For fraud, waste and abuse calls, you should talk to the office of inspections, 283-4646. Calls concerning energy abuse should be referred to the energy hot line, 283-3995.

Lany D. New

BRIG. GEN. LARRY NEW 325th Fighter Wing commander

Army unit into our force structure is not only a great assist to the SF folks, but a testament to the Total Force concept. Just as we all fight together in all parts of the globe, together we maintain our readiness at home.

Thank you to everyone here at Tyndall: Air Force, Army and civilian. As a reminder, be careful tonight as there will be plenty of children, as well as adults, walking the streets enjoying Halloween. Please proceed with caution and let's have an accident free weekend.

The great work that you do keeps our mission flying successfully, week in, week out. Stay safe and have a great week!

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Oct. 31, 2003 **Gulf Defender** Page 3 **Promotions** The following 325th Fighter Wing lieutenants have been selected for promotion to the rank of captain: Alan Avriett Jr., 325th Air Control Squadron Christian Bergtholdt, 1st Fighter Squadron Brian Budde, 2nd FS Jason Carnel, 325th Operations Support Squadron Christopher Clark, 95th Fighter Squadron Brian Doyle, 325th Maintenance Squadron Nicole Drevet, 325th ACS James Eustis, 325th ACS Alexander Ham, 325th OSS Chad Harris, 325th ACS Christina Hruska 2nd FS Josef Lustig, 325th ACS James May, 325th Maintenance Operations Squadron Joseph Potestivo, 325th ACS Joshua Redus, 325th ACS Christine Sakaniwa, 325th Fighter Wing Jayson Schmiedt, 95th FS Jason Schroeder, 325th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Walter Sorensen, 325th Security Forces Squadron William Wilkinson 2nd FS The following associate unit lieutenants have been selected for promotion to the rank of captain: Jill Evenski, 28th Test Squadron John Ferguson, AFELM Christian Fuller, 28th TS Jennings Marshall, 23rd Flying Training Squadron Michael Roberts, AFIT Kathryn Roman, 82nd Aerial Targets Squadron Jacob Salmond, AFIT Micah West, 23rd FTS



Airman Sarah McDowell

Beach beautifiers

Tyndall volunteers pick up litter along part of the base shoreline during Saturday's beach cleanup. According to 325th Civil Engineer Squadron environmental organizers, more than 400 volunteers worked a half day to help dispose of more than a half-ton of beach litter, helping protect Tyndall's highly valued environmental resources.

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Organization hosts job fair

Companies with job opportunities nationwide will be in Fort Walton Beach 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 7 at the Radisson Beach Resort, 1110 Santa Rosa Blvd.

This job fair is hosted by the Non Commissioned Officers Association and is for all ranks of the military and NCOA membership is not required.

According to Scoop Davis, NCOA Veterans Employment Assistance Program Coordinator, the job fair is also open to the general public.

"The companies that will be at the job fair are offering quality jobs around the country," Mr. Davis said. "All we require for someone to attend is to fill out a NCOA mini resume' to provide to prospective employers. These mini resumes are available on the Internet at www.ncoausa.org/miniresu.htm. Each job seeker should bring a minimum of 10 mini resumes to our event and have an ample supply of their personal resume available to provide upon request."

For directions to the Radisson Beach Resort, please call 850-243-9181. For additional information on this or any other NCOA Job Fair, visit the web site at www.ncoausa.org or call 800-662-2620. Via e-mail, contact ncoavea@ncoausa.org.



Robot rodeo?

Air Force Junior ROTC cadets from Dunnellon High School maneuver an All-purpose Remote **Transport System Andros** robot through a simulated explosives test range Oct. 17 at the Air Force Research Laboratory's Robotics Research Group. The cadets were eager to learn about blast and fire mitigation capabilities, but the highlight of the tour was their interaction with robots.

Mary Pawley

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timately improve its effectiveness and productivity.

As an integral communication link between leaders and enlisted airmen, the survey provides senior leaders insights into areas that need improving and areas that are doing well, officials said.

The survey also serves as an important link between senior leaders and civilians. Through the survey, civilians can voice their concerns and provide valuable information that can improve their organizations, officials said.

Aeronautical Systems Center officials at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, applied several new initiatives as a result of the feedback received from the 2002 survey. Officials from the center's financial services office received a new telephone system with voice-mail capability, and they eliminated hardcopy travel vouchers, which stopped costly "assembly line" work when mailing out travel vouchers.

Section workers developed an automated self-help tool for travelers that gave technicians more time to work complex inquiries. These actions demonstrate participative leaders, officials said.

According to published research, sound management practices lead to increased employee and customer satisfaction, loyalty, better retention and increased financial performance.

To safeguard personal information, only Air Force-level analysis is done on the personal information. Questions that ask for a respondent's Air Force Specialty Code, rank or grade, time on station, etc., will be briefed to the secretary of the Air Force and the Air Force chief of staff; that information will not be released elsewhere.

Multiple levels of protection are built into the system. For example, a squadron report will list respondents by number of officers, enlisted members and civilians — not by rank or grade, etc. And each breakout can be made only if there are at least seven respondents in that category.

For example, if there are three officers, eight civilians, and 10 enlisted responding in a squadron, the officer data will be included in the next smallest breakout, the civilians. The data will be labeled as "10 enlisted" and "11 other."

The 30-minute survey can be completed online at http://afclimatesurvey.af.mil anytime during the survey period from either a government or personal computer. People can also click on the Air Force Climate Survey link at Air Force Link, www.af.mil.





Lisa Carrol

Airman Schmock is awarded the Checkertail Salute Warrior of the Week award by Col. Doug Cochran, 325th Fighter Wing vice commander.

The Checkertail Clan salutes Airman Schmock, who was lauded by her superiors for demonstrating exceptional drafting skills. She earned praise from her group commander for conducting a detailed survey of 80 rentals in the local area for housing assessments. Additionally, Airman Schmock served as a security forces ready augmentee.

A1C Rachel Schmock

Duty title: Engineering

apprentice

Unit: 325th Civil Engineer

Squadron

Time on station: 19 months Time in service: Two years Hometown: Athens, III. Hobbies: Photography

Goals: Finish my bachelor's degree and be commissioned **Favorite thing about Tyndall:**

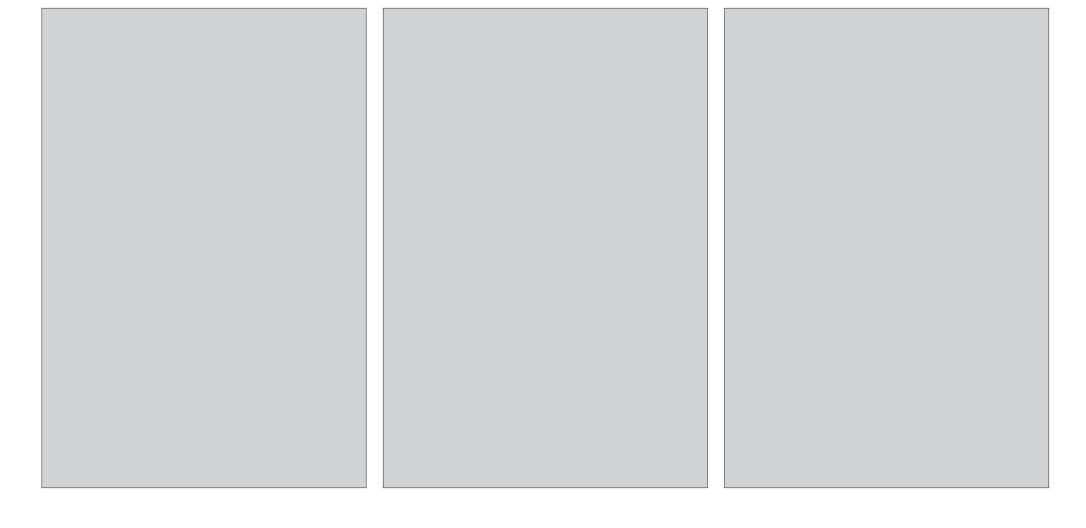
The people

Pet peeves: Lying, stealing and

cheating

Favorite book: The Bible **Favorite movie:** Gladiator

The Checkertail Salute is a 325th Fighter Wing commander program designed to recognize Tyndall's Warrior of the Week. Supervisors can nominate individuals via their squadron and group commanders. Award recipients receive a certificate, letter from the commander and a one-day pass.





FORT LEE, Va. — "Org" in the grocery business might be misconstrued to mean organic, but in the case of the Scholarships for Military Children program "org" is taking on a different meaning. The program is now open for business on a dedicated website at www.militaryscholar.org.

"Fisher House Foundation built the website just for this program," said Edna Hoogewind, Defense Commissary Agency liaison for the program, "and it's great because it contains all the latest information about the scholarship program and can be accessed any time students are looking for scholarship information." Usually, program information is only available on www.commissaries.com when the scholarship program is actively seeking applications. "But even though the program doesn't open until Monday, questions have already been coming in," said Ms. Hoogewind, "so it's great to have this site available all the time."

The Scholarships for Military Children program is administered by Fisher House Foundation and is funded by the manufacturers and other vendors that sell groceries and perform services in the commissary system. Since 2001, the Scholarships for Military Children program has awarded nearly \$2.5 million in scholarships to nearly 1,500 children of active duty, retired and Guard and Reserve families.

The other "big news" is that now the general public can participate in funding the scholarships by making donations through the website at www.militaryscholar.org. "This program is

a valuable part of commissary outreach to the military community and the generous support our industry partners and Fisher House Foundation has made it a tremendous success in just three years," said DeCA Director Maj. Gen. Michael Wiedemer. "The additional ability of the general public to show support to military families through donations to the program is really going to add a terrific new dimension."

"We've learned that individuals, as well as corporations, are interested in supporting the Scholarships for Military Children program," said Jim Weiskopf, Fisher House Foundation vice president for communications. "We provide a means to donate on the Internet through a secure credit card server, and there are no administrative fees involved. In addition, all Combined Federal Campaign donations to the Armed Forces Foundation are used for the scholarship program."

Military families, customers and the general public will be able to get to www.militaryscholar.org through DeCA's website at www.commissaries.com as well. Applications will be available online or at any commissary worldwide for the 2004 program starting Monday. The application period runs until Feb.18, 2004.

"Student applications increased last year by nearly 30 percent as store directors and staff really got out and spread the word about this great program," said General Wiedemer. Over 6,500 applications were received in 2003. "We hope that trend continues for 2004 and that our commissaries will get the word out about these new features."

Notary service key legal benefit

Marlene Crowe

Base legal office

The Tyndall Air Force Base legal office offers many free legal services as a benefit to base members. One of these valuable benefits is notary service.

How valuable is it?

If you go downtown for notary service, expect to pay \$5 to \$10 for each signature notarized. But the legal office offers free notary ser-

vice to those with a valid military ID card. We perform thousands of notaries each year, which includes wills, powers of attorney, school forms, adoption forms, real estate closings, and other documents, saving members thousands of dollars each year for notary service.

The only documents that do not have to be signed in the notary's presence are documents using the word "acknowl-

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Recycle, Tyndall

With more participation, base community will reap benefits from profits, officials say



Bob Myers, 325th Services Squadron recycling program manager, checks some bales of mixed plastic bottles to be picked up by a contractor for eventual recycling.

JIM WESLOWSKI

325th Fighter Wing public affairs

(Editor's note: This is the first installment in four-part series on Tyndall Air Force Base's environmental stewardship programs.)

As Tyndall Air Force Base ends its tenth year in the recycle business it looks to the future of enforcement in base housing to make it profitable once again.

"For the past two years the program lost money. Not a considerable amount – but a loss, none-the-less," according to its manager, Bob Myers. "More than 1,500 tons of mixed recyclables were sold during the past year alone. But, the price has fallen on most items sold and the cost of running the eight-man operation continues to grow. To increase our profits we must have more recyclables. Base housing residents must continue or is some cases start recycling! We need their help."

Not only are monies generated by the sale of the recyclable item, Tyndall has an added benefit to its recycling program, monies saved with tipping fees. The 325th Civil Engineer Squadron pays a \$144 per ton tipping fee to a contractor for trash picked up on base.

"We've made arrangements to collect and sell just about every recyclable item we have at Tyndall," said Mr. Myers. "Now we have to concentrate on the amount of items put in the collection bins to increase our profits.

"If a recyclable item is put in the trash, the base must pay a tipping fee, we lose twice. If it is recycled, we not only save the tipping fee but we make money on the item. This is a problem in the base housing area," said Mr. Myers. "We are sending recycle collection workers with their modified trailers to every home, every week and only about half the base residents are recycling as they should. If all housing residents participated in the mandatory program, our recycling program may once again show a profit."

The 325th CES housing office staff has a mandatory recycling program for its 900-plus residential homes in place. According to Mr. Myers there are penalties for not participating at least once every three weeks.

The bases recycling program has been undergoing improvements in solid waste control for nearly 10 years. The main goal is to assist the base in achieving a 50 percent reduction in the amount of waste sent to land fills by 2006. Each year a 5 percent reduction for solid waste disposal has been added to the target amount, which is currently 35 percent. The recycling program here meets a large amount of the base's overall reduction goals. The base civil engineer team works on other ways to reduce organic material such as tree limbs and grass clippings and monitors waste put in collection sites around the base. Together, these programs have been successful in meeting target amounts.

Currently the recycling program staff is collecting cardboard, glass, paper, plastic, aluminum cans, newsprint, scrape metal, pallets, lead batteries and used oil. Each item has to be processed in different ways to make it more marketable and easier to transport off base.

"We are now accepting shredded paper," said Mr. Myers. "In the past offices were putting it in the trash and the base paid the tipping fee. We purchased a compactor that bails the shredded paper and we sell it at the same rate as white paper, on the average of \$145 per ton."

"Glass has always been a problem to sell," according to Mr. Myers. "It is a heavy item and the price you receive is low. We recently purchased a machine to pulverize the glass. This new product can be added to asphalt or concrete mixes

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MSS troops take the challenge

Top, 325th Mission Support Squadron personnelists sprint through a rope obstacle during their Oct. 24 Commander's Challenge event. Left, Senior Airman Benito Colon surrenders to gravity and plummets toward a watery landing on the route's final obstacle. Below, Tech. Sqt. final obstacle. Below, Tech. Sgt. Jerry Emerick climbs to the top of a tower obstacle.



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Historic POW/MIA talks wrap up

WASHINGTON (AFPN) —

The four nations involved in accounting for Americans missing in action from the Vietnam War ended a meeting in Bangkok on Oct. 24. The senior-level talks were held by officials from the United States, Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam. They exchanged ideas, experiences and techniques that have been productive in accounting for missing Americans, and set a vision for future work in this area.

The meeting represented the first time all four nations have joined together in such talks since the war ended in 1975. U.S. officials work improving joint cooperation on this with each of the countries individually as specialists investigate MIA cases and excavate sites to try to recover and identify the remains of missing Americans.

Since the war ended, U.S. officials have accounted for more than 700 Americans from the Vietnam War, with more than 1,800 still unaccounted for. More than 88,000 are still missing from all conflicts.

At the end of the two-day session, the delegates said they agreed that such talks were a useful forum for humanitarian mission. They also agreed to hold such consultations annually and to rotate where the venues are held. This forum would be known as the Annual POW/ MIA Consultations.

The delegates expressed hope that sharing POW/MIA-related information among the four nations could be useful as they seek to investigate cases through archival research and cross-border interviews. They also said the exchange of information should be continued.

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and used around the base as needed. Here we are not making a profit from the glass but we are capitalizing the monies we will save on tipping fees."

When asked where profits are spent, Mr. Myers who retired from the Air Force several years ago and knows the importance of the MWR program pointed to the 325th Services Squadron where any profits will be used. "That is when profits are seen," he said.

"However, first we must pay the payroll, operating and maintenance expenses from monies generated by the sale of the recyclables. The CE squadron is currently helping to pay the salaries of two contract workers. For the last two years we've lost money, therefore nothing to send to MWR," he added.

"We are so close to seeing nice profits if only base housing residents and military offices participated more. We do not have to generate any added expenses to pick up at every home," Mr. Myers added.

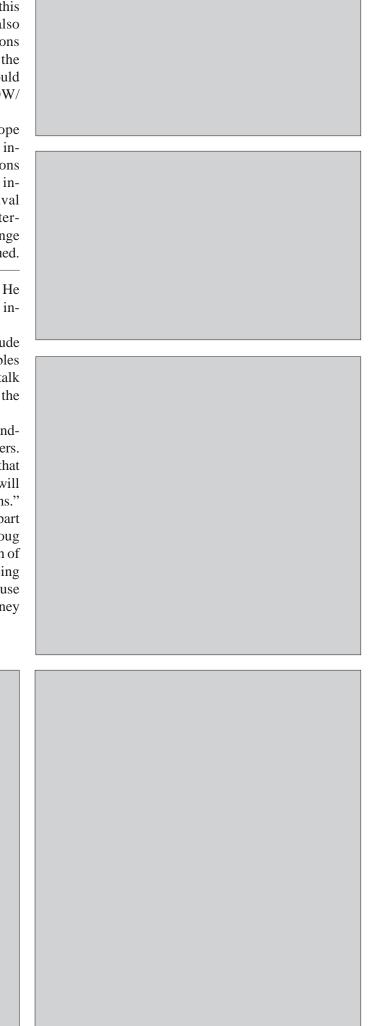
Mr. Myers said retirees and airmen living off base often ask if they can bring recyclable items to the collection

sites set up around the base. His response is yes. He encourages people to use the recycling drop off sites instead of dumpsters.

Mr. Myers hopes to increase the recyclables to include plastic bags in the future. Large amounts of recyclables can drop them off at Bldg. 6029 during workdays or talk to a staff member and make pickup arrangements if the items are located on base.

"Fifteen hundred tons of material destined for the landfill last year has been turned into money," said Mr. Myers. "With more participation we might be able to double that amount. This will be good for the MWR fund and will help keep the environment cleaner for future generations."

"It is our responsibility to recycle and ensure it is part of our military culture and mindset," said Col. Doug Cochran, 325th Fighter Wing vice commander. "Each of us needs to do our part and ensure recycling is being accomplished at home and in the work centers because it protects our environment, saves the Air Force money and ultimately improves our quality of life."



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Airmen complete Bagram runway STAFF SGT. RUSSELL WICKE 455th Expeditionary Operations Group public affairs BAGRAM AIR BASE, Afghanistan (AFPN) — With help from the Army and coalition nations, air-

men poured the final load of concrete for the new \$2.3 million runway here Oct. 24 after nearly six months of construction. During this period, civil engineer airmen and soldiers worked on one 90-foot-wide strip, while aircraft landed and took off on the other 90-foot half.

The project was completed three weeks ahead of schedule.

After two weeks of curing and painting lines, the entire runway will be ready for incoming aircraft, said Master Sgt. David Lennemann, 455th Expeditionary Support Squadron superintendent of operations.

"Once the entire runway is activated, it will be able to support just about any heavy aircraft the Air Force has," Sergeant Lennamann said.

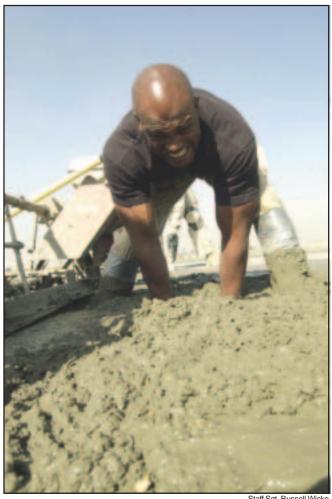
Unfortunately, smaller fighter aircraft will not be authorized to land here until there is less of a foreign-object-damage threat, said Capt. Trey Sledge, 455th ESS's civil engineer flight commander. The strong winds combined with limitless marble-sized, desert gravel here pose a continual hazard for smaller aircraft with low intakes.

"There is a project scheduled for June ... to lay six inches of asphalt over the runway," Captain Sledge said. "This should decrease the FOD danger enough to bring in the smaller fighters."

The runway's completion will have a significant impact on the rest of the base. Now that the runway is complete, standard runway lighting will soon be installed, which will allow pilots to land without nightvision goggles, Captain Sledge said. This will eventually mark the end of blackout conditions here.

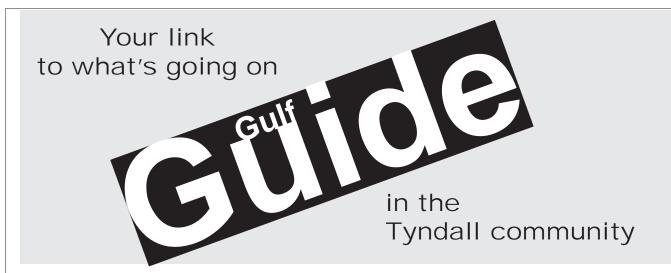
The civil engineer airmen did an exceptional job on a project that would normally be considered above their skill level, Sergeant Lennemann said.

"Pouring concrete for this runway was hard work," said Tech. Sgt. Wesley Matthews, 455th ESS structural technician. "Because of the importance of this project, this is the first time I've felt like I had a direct impact on the mission. Completing this runway is very rewarding for us."



BAGRAM AIR BASE, Afghanistan — Tech. Sgt. Wesley Matthews, of the 455th Expeditionary Support Squadron, adjusts a plywood board underneath wet concrete that will serve as an expansion joint for a pad on the new runway here.

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Retirement ceremony

There will be retirement ceremony at 3 p.m. today at the Pelican reef Enlisted Club for Tech Sgt. Gary Whitney. For more information call Master Sgt. James Manning, 283-2174.

Nov. 1

Hunter safety course

The fall hunter safety course will be held at 8 a.m. Monday and at a time to be announced Tuesday in the Tyndall Elementary school cafeteria. For more information call Brenda Kampf or Jack Mobley at Natural Resources, 283-2641.

EIT review

The Florida Engineering Society, Gulf Coast Chapter, will conduct a 24-lesson engineer in training exam review course from 6:30 – 9:15 p.m. Mondays through March 29 at Gulf Coast Community College. For more information call Doug Merkle at 283-6113 or 871-3132 or e-mail him at dhmerkle@aol.com.

Nov. 10

Commissary closure

The commissary will be closed Nov. 10 but will be open at 9 a.m. Nov. 11, Veterans Day.

Notes

Military spouse award

Know a military spouse who exemplifies support to the community, volunteerism, selflessness or strength? A new military spouse award is now open for nominations and time is of the essence. Nominations are due by Nov. 9 for four new awards honoring active duty, retiree, Guard or Reserve, and

veteran spouses. The active duty category includes Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine and Coast Guard spouses.

Nominations can be made online through a front page link at the website of the Defense Commissary Agency at www.commissaries.com, www.militaryshoppers.com or www.avashow.com. Nomination forms will also be available Monday on Procter & Gamble product displays in commissaries, or the form can be downloaded now at www.commissaries.com. The nomination process includes a requirement for a 500-word essay addressing one or more of the award criteria. For more information about the American Veteran Awards, go to www.avashow.com.

Spouse scholarship

Applications for the Aerospace Education Foundation's Air Force Spouse Scholarship and will be accepted from Monday to Jan. 30. Thirty \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded in March. To obtain an application call education services at 283-4285 or e-mail at education@tyndall.af.mil. For more information call (800) 291-8480 or e-mail at aefstaff@aef.org.

Roller hockey

A group of Tyndall roller hockey players is interested in forming a base team to compete against squads from Eglin AFB, Hurlburt Field and Navy bases. Current practices are set for 11 a.m. Saturdays on the court next to the child development center and across from the NCO Academy dormitories. Interested players should supply their own skates and protective equipment. For more information, call Senior Airman James Bandy at 774-3526 or 283-4329.

Retiree News

Advance medical directives

It is the right of every person to have an advance medical directive. An advanced medical directive is a written document that sets forth a person's desires concerning what medical care is to be provided should one become incapable of making healthcare decisions for themselves. It can also give another person the legal authority to make healthcare decisions on behalf of a person who has become mentally incapacitated.

Living wills and durable healthcare powers of attorney are both advanced medical directives. A living will is a written document that sets forth a person's desires concerning the medical care that he will receive should he become terminally ill or when his death is imminent.

A living will may specify which medical treatments should be provided, as well as which medical treatments should not. A durable healthcare power of attorney is a written document which gives another person (known as the agent, proxy or surrogate) legal authority to make healthcare decisions. This document is valid for any period of mental incapacitation.

All competent adults have the moral and legal right to participate in their medical treatment decisions and to refuse medical treatment even in life-saving or life-sustaining situations. This includes the right to prepare advanced medical directives concerning their medical care.

Anyone having advanced medical directives must inform their primary care managers accordingly. They must also provide copies to their physicians or the outpatient records room.

Anyone who desires to make cadaver donations must coordinate with the medical institutions of their choice. Advance arrangements must be made between the donor and the medical institution that will be receiving the body.

To formally change an advanced medical directive contact your legal assistance office. Those who do not have an advanced medical directive can obtain one through the base legal office at your nearest military facility is available to provide legal advice and assist in preparing one

Flag display guidance

An Internet source of information concerning the display the United States flag is available at www.ctssar.org/flag_etiquette.htm

Chapel Schedule

The following *Catholic services* will be held at Chapel 2: Daily Mass, 11:30 a.m. Monday-Friday;

Reconciliation, after Saturday Mass or by appointment; Saturday Mass, 5 p.m.; Sunday Mass, 9:30 a.m.; religious education, 11 a.m. Sunday.

Protestant services will be as follows: Communion service, 9:30 a.m., Chapel 1; religious education classes, 9:30-10:30 a.m. in Building 1476; general Protestant service, 11 a.m., Chapel 2.

AF Skeet team hits bullseye

SAN ANTONIO (AFPN) — For the fourth time in five years, the Air Force's skeet team proved they are the best in the military during the 2003 World Skeet Championship held here Oct. 10-18.

The Air Force has not enjoyed this much success since the late 1980s, according to Tom Clayton, from Charleston Air Force Base, S.C., who is team captain.

Six military teams and a total of 1,042 shooters from various countries participated in the championship. Air Force Team One defeated the Navy team by 19 targets, shooting 2,705 out of 2,750 possible targets.

Air Force also hammered the competition by winning four of the six team events.

Stuart Brown from Seymour Johnson AFB,



Team One with score of 546, while Eric Worley f r o m Peterson AFB,

N.C., led

Colo., led Team Two with 535. Brown was the only shooter of the tournament to hit 24 straight pairs of targets during the 410-bore event in the sudden death shoot-off.

This feat earned him the competition's "champion of champs" title.

Student earns photography honors

STEVE RIDDLE

325th Services Squadron publicist

With the click of a shutter button, Tyndall teenager Ryan Graber gained a little national recognition and pocketed \$100.

The 17-year-old student was recently selected as one of 44 finalists of the 2003 ImageMakers National Photography Contest, put on by the Boys and Girls Clubs of America.

Ryan competed against more than 1,500 entries.

According to Alma Hooks, youth center director, the Air Force has affiliated all base youth centers with the Boys and Girls Clubs of America.

"All Air Force base youth centers are also military Boys and Girls Clubs," she said, adding that this partnership helps to benefit the local youth population of bases.

"It gives teens and youth the opportunity to participate in the things they like to do," Ms. Hooks stated.

Like take pictures.



This photo, taken by Tyndall teenager Ryan Graber, is one of 44 finalists of the 2003 ImageMakers National Photography Contest, put on by the Boys and Girls Clubs of America. The photo was taken in late December 2002 at the dock close to Beacon Beach Marina. Ryan's brother Robin is the person standing on the dock.

Ryan's photograph, along with the others, will make up a year-long display that will be showcased at upcoming Boys' and Girls' Clubs of America conferences throughout the country.

National and regional conferences will feature the exhibit.

When not on tour, the

display will reside at the national headquarters for the Boys' and Girls' Clubs of America in Atlanta, Ga. Graber said he has been shooting pictures for years, but came to favor the black-andwhite pictures after trying out a roll of film his Education mother bought him.

"It has more of a clas-

sic look," Ryan said of his preference of film. "Pictures look better in black-and-white."

Ryan will graduate from Rutherford High School this year, and plans on pursuing a degree in Elementary from Florida State Univer-

Tyndall Tigers claw Warriors, remain undefeated

The Tyndall Tigers men's varsity basketball team took two victories from the host Warriors of Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., last weekend, gaining sole possession of first place and remain the only undefeated team in Southeastern Military Athletic Conference.

Game one: Tyndall 74, Maxwell 60

In Saturday's game, the Tigers and Warriors played close throughout the first half, with Tyndall taking a 32-28 lead into the intermission. In the second half, Tyndall used superior depth to wear down the Maxwell

squad, as the Tigers steadily built their lead to as many as 20 points.

The trio of Omar Johnson (14 points), Israel Figueroa (13 points) and Tarrance Garner (12 points) paced the Tigers' scoring attack. Figueroa led all rebounding with 10 boards, and Johnson led in both assists and steals with eight and five, respectively. Maxwell's 6-foot-9-inch center Garreth Davis led the Warriors in scoring with a game-high 20 points.

Game two: Tyndall 81, Max-



In the second contest, Tyndall jumped out to an early lead and ran to a 42-32 advantage at the half. In the second half, the Tigers extended their lead to 18 points before Maxwell rallied to tie the score at 71-71 with 2:50 remaining. Tyndall's Marvin Gamble converted a three-point play to recapture the lead, 74-71, and the Tigers connected on seven of nine free throws to seal the

Johnson again paced the Tigers in scoring with a game-high 25

points, followed by Israel Figueroa, Lance Clark, Tommy Nixon, and Scott Moore, each netting 10 points. Gamble and Figueroa tied for team rebounding honors with 10 boards each. Scoring leader Johnson also led in assists and steals with eight and five, respectively. Jason Clark led the Warriors in scoring with 22 points.

Beginning Saturday, the Tigers play host to the Moody AFB, Ga., Falcons, their first home games of the season. Gate times are 2 p.m. Saturday and noon Sunday.

(Courtesy Tyndall Tigers)

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Mon.-Thurs.: \$6.95 ■ Friday: \$7.95 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

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Includes Fresh, Hot, Carved Meat Sandwiches on Kaiser Roll

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- Membership Inquiries
- Account Maintenance
- Club Card Payments ■ Birthday Voucher
- Catering Arrangements
- Transfers ■ Sign-ups
- Check Cashing



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Services Card good for free services: Greens Fees at Pelican Point Golf Course Open Bowling at Raptor Lanes & a Swim Pass for the base pool (2004 season) Some restrictions apply. The drive is open to all eligible non-members. (active duty, reserve, DoD civilians and retirees)

Sign up at the O' Club business office.

Coming Soon Dorm World

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50TH ANNIVERSARY - TOPS IN BLUE PERFORMANCE

November 13, 7:30 p.m. at the Marina Civic Center. Tickets available

Nov. 12 at 11 a.m. at the CAC & Marina Civic Center. Limit 4 tickets per person. Sponsored in part by First Command Financial Planning, AT&T, and Tyndall Federal Credit Union No federal endorsement of sponsors intended. 283-2495

All ranks at the Officers' Club Dining Room

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Thursday, November 27

Adults: \$14.95* Children (5-11): \$6.95* Children (0-4): Free

Carving Station w/ Roast Beef and Baked Ham, Omelet Station, Waffle Station, Sliced Turkey, Stuffing, Candied Yams, Cranberries, Mashed Potatoes & Giblet Gravy, Seasonal Vegetables, Scrambled Eggs, Home Fries, Bacon, Biscuits, Creamed Beef, Seasonal Fruit, Dessert Station, Selection of Juices, Coffee & Tea

*Members First! Show your club card to receive \$2 discount



Reservations Encouraged: Your choice of the 11 a.m. or 1 p.m.

283-4357

Don't Miss...

Featuring:

Shotgun Karaoke

Nov. 7

7 p.m. at the Enlisted Club Call 283-4357 for details.



Lodging

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NAF Property Sale
Saturday, Nov. 15, 7:30-11:30 a.m.
The Sand Dollar Inn will be conducting a NAF property sale at the FMO warehouse, building 1137, located next to the Security Forces canine unit on Mississippi Avenue. Buyers must remove purchased items at the time of the sale. All sales are FINAL. No exchanges, refunds, or "hand picking" items. Only CASH or pre-printed checks will be accepted.

Lodging Programs Expanded for Holidays

Due to an Air Force waiver, the Sand Dollar Inn and other AETC lodging offices can take "Space A" reservations as far out as two months in advance of the Nov. 22-29 Thanksgiving holiday and the Dec. 12 to Jan. 4 Christmas and New Year's holiday. That means people can book up to an eight-day stay for Thanksgiving now and as soon as Oct. 1 for up to a 20-day stay over the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

"Knock Out"

November 1, 7-11 p.m.

Members: \$10 Non-members: \$15. Teens don't miss this event! Teen dance party and bouncy boxing competition featuring DJ from Runnin Wild Entertainment. Join us from at the Youth Center for boxing, dancing, food, games, contests, and prizes! Teens who box must have a release signed by parents. Forms are available at the Youth Center.

283-4366

Retiree Golf Championship

Nov. 15 & 16 7:30 a.m. tee time

Cost is \$30 and does not include cart or greens fees. Must be retired from any federal government service or agency. Tees: White and Gold Prizes Sign up by noon Nov. 4
Must have certified handicap.

Youth Center

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Start Smart ArcheryNov. 1, 8, 15, and 22 at 11 a.m. Open to youth ages 8 yrs. and up. Cost is \$30.

Community Activity Center

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Pig Skin Picks

Forms are available at the CAC & Sports Page Pizza Pub. Prizes will be awarded. Ace the weekly Pig Skin Pick and receive one free Pizza Buffet. Sponsored in part by AA Military Benefits Group. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended.

Bonita Bay

Saturdays at 10 a.m.

Tyndall Paintball Field (by Sabre Gate) Bring family, friends and co-workers. Bring drinks and snacks. Equipment may be rented and paintballs will be sold. Hope to see you there!

283-3199

Each visit to the CAC Pizza Pub is your chance to win a pro game trip!



Enjoy a large, 1 topping pizza and a pitcher of Miller Lite for \$8.50 every Sunday.



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Skills Development Ctr.

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Basic Knitting Classes Classes are suitable for both adults and youth (ages 10 yrs. and up). Fee is \$25 and includes supplies. Maximum of 3 students per class. Classes are from 9:30-11:30 a.m. on Oct. 11 & 18, Nov. 8 & 22, Dec. 6. Stop by to register.

ITT Notice

Travel (air and non air bookings) hours have been changed to 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Mon.-Fri. (Closed Sat. & Sun.) Starting Nov. 3. The other operations of ITT have merged with Bonita Bay and are open the same hours as Bonita Bay (closed Tue. & Wed.)

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AF prohibits government funds for holiday cards

The holidays are a time when many military members and civilians send out greeting cards to wish others well during the season and in the coming new year. Members of squadrons and other base organizations often like to send personal holiday messages on greeting cards bearing the name or symbol of a base organization. When doing so, it is important to remember that government resources generally may not be used to create or distribute holiday greeting cards.

Holiday greeting cards are considered a personal expense of the sender, and AFI 65-601 prohibits the use of appropriated funds to purchase or mail seasonal greeting cards. Likewise, AFI 65-603 prohibits the use of official representation funds for this purpose, and Air Force Instruction 34-201 prohibits the use of non-appropriated funds to purchase or mail these items.

The Department of Defense Official Mail Manual prohibits the use of appropriated fund postage to mail holiday greeting cards; the only exception to this rule is one that allows the use of such postage for cards when international diplomacy dictates the need to send a holiday greeting card.

In addition to the funding restrictions, Air Force military and civilian employees may not direct or request their subordinates to create or distribute greeting cards on official time. Again, there is an exception for holiday greetings dictated by the requirements of international diplomacy. However, this is the only exception to the rule, and the instances where it applies are rare.

Giving and receiving holiday cards can be a joyous part of the winter holiday season. Nonetheless, it is important to keep in mind the rules prohibiting the use of public funds or official time for this purpose. Remember, these cards are personal greetings, not an official obligation or expense.

Booster clubs and similar private organizations may of course use their own funds to send out cards, but use of official government time and money is specifically prohibited. (Contributed by 325th Fighter Wing legal office and 325th Comptroller Squadron)

Airman sentenced for illegal drug use

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TINKER AIR FORCE BASE, Okla.

(AFPN) — An airman assigned to the 552nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron here will spend the next 16 months in a military prison, receive a bad conduct discharge, and forfeit all pay and allowances for illegal drug use and distribution.

Airman Basic Raymond Reibel told a military judge Oct. 21 he smoked methamphetamine weekly between Sept. 29, 2002, and June 4, and furnished the illegal drug to other airmen "once every two weeks."

The charges against Airman Reibel included wrongful use and distribution of methamphetamine, wrongful use of marijuana, providing alcohol to people younger than 21 and breaking restriction.

Airman Reibel told Lt. Col. James Flanary, a circuit military judge from Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, he knew the drug use was wrong.

In seeking mercy, Airman Reibel apolo-

gized to the Air Force and asked Colonel Flanary to "consider a sentence to allow me a future.

"The Air Force made a difference in my life," Airman Reibel told the court, recounting the feelings of awkwardness that developed after his assignment here in July 2002.

"(Those feelings) grew to the point (where) I made a decision to violate the law," he said. "I became addicted. I now realize how methamphetamine has destroyed my life. The person I am today is not the person I have always been."

Capt. Donna Rueppell, area defense counsel from Offut AFB, Neb., also urged Colonel Flanary to be lenient.

"The defendant's crimes are serious and the person who realizes this most today is Airman Reibel," she said. "Methamphetamine makes normally good people do things they would never do."

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edged" in the notary certificate. However, the clients signing the documents do have to appear before the notary, be positively identified and verbally admit to signing the document freely for the purposes stated in the document. The notarial certificate must have the actual date of the notarization.

We can notarize your documents that are completed, with no blank lines. However, we cannot make certified copies of documents that are vital records or public records, such as birth certificates (vital records) or deeds (public records) or any document held by a government agency, such as a DD 214.

A notary can notarize a document in a foreign language, if he can communicate with the signer in the same language. An "apostille" must accompany public documents originating from another country. This can be obtained from the Department of State in Tallahassee.

If you need a signature

guarantee, a commercial bank, savings bank, credit union or broker dealer, that participates in one of the Medallion signature guarantee programs, can provide this service. A notary, however, cannot provide this service.

If you are interested in becoming a Florida notary, go to http://notaries.dos.state.fl.us Everything you need to know about becoming a Florida notary is on this website, including the three-hour test required for those applying for a notary commission.



